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AMENDMENT B

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS.

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In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 13, and 57.

Replace claim 1 with the following:

1. (once amended) A film-forming composition comprising a continuous aqueous phase and a dispersed phase, the dispersed phase comprising (i) a particulate polymer or emulsified liquid prepolymer, and (ii) a coalescent aid comprising an ester having the formula RCOOX wherein R is hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl and comprises at least two unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds and X is -CH₃, -C₂H₄OH, -C₂H₄OC₂H₄OH, -C₃H₆OH, or -C₃H₆OC₃H₆OH.

Replace claim 2 with the following:

2. (once amended) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein R comprises about 9 to about 25 carbon atoms.

Replace claim 3 with the following:

3. (once amended) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein R and X₀₀₁ in combination, contain no more than about 35 carbon atoms.

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